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PROPOSED REPORT OF STIPULATIONS
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Electric Rate Case
DOCKET NO. 2012-218-E
Pre-Hearing Conference held on November 20, 2012

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A pre-hearing conference was held in this Docket on November 20, 2012 from 9 to 10 AM, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-839 (Supp. 2011). Live attendees were Mitchell M. Willoughby, Esquire, representing South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire and Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire, representing the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, Scott Elliott, Esquire, representing the South Carolina Energy Users Committee, Frank Knapp, Jr., *pro se*, and Stephen Suggs, Esquire, representing AARP. Attending the Conference by telephone were Ellen M. Evans, Esquire representing the Department of the Navy and All Federal Executive Agencies, K. Chad Burgess, Esquire and Matthew Gissendaner, Esquire, representing South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, N. Mark Hamlet, Esquire, representing Time Warner Cable, Inc., and Stephanie U. Roberts, Esquire, representing Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Incorporated. F. David Butler, Senior Counsel and Standing Hearing Officer presided over the conference.

Ms. Edwards and Mr. Nelson explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) filed electronically with the Commission on November 19, 2012 between South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Navy and Federal Executive Agencies, Frank Knapp, Jr., Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Incorporated, and AARP. Non-signatories were the South Carolina Energy Users Committee and Time Warner Cable, Inc. It was stated that the MOU would be described at the beginning of the hearing on the merits.

The order of witnesses and witness availability were discussed, as was the configuration of panels to be presented by the Office of Regulatory Staff. ORS intends to present a four person Electric Department panel and an additional four person auditing panel at the hearing.

Various methods for stipulating testimony into the record were discussed. It was agreed that it was permissible to stipulate all of a parties' witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record at once at the beginning of the parties turn for direct examination.

With regard to miscellaneous procedural issues, it was stated that there would be no opening statements at the hearing, other than an explanation of the Memorandum of Understanding. It was also stated that a witnesses' direct and rebuttal/surrebuttal testimony, if any, would be given at the same time by each witness on the stand.

Lastly, it was stated that proposed orders would be due on December 13, 2012, with transcript availability on or around December 7, 2012. It was noted that, at present, the Commission would vote on the merits of the case on December 19, 2012. The Order

in the matter is due on December 31, 2012. It was further stated that it was permissible for parties with only limited issues in the case to file proposed findings and conclusions limited to those issues and full proposed Orders would not be required from those parties.